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1. Applicants have filed a paper in the above referenced application that is a communication in response to a restriction requirement dated May 21, 2002. However, no communication from the office has been mailed in this application on that date. Further, the response is improper because it changes the elected invention for which applicants have already received on the merits. Change of the invention mid-prosecution is not permitted at this juncture. If applicants wish to select a different invention for prosecution in this application, the response and switch of inventions should be accompanied by a request for a continuing prosecution application ("CPA"), cancellation of the protein claims and introduction of new claims drawn to the DNA of Group I as previously set forth in the restriction requirement of 02-14-01. If this paper has been filed in error, Applicant should clarify for the record the invention which they want to prosecute and Petition to expunge the paper filed June 21, 2002.

2. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this general application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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